

**Opening Statement of the Honorable Fred Upton
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Markup of Discussion Drafts on FCC Process and Transparency
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Last Congress, this chamber passed a bill unanimously to institute real reform at the Federal Communications Commission. Our votes were in favor of good process and meaningful transparency at an agency that touches our daily lives. I am pleased to see the subcommittee working on this bill again this Congress. Due process and transparency are too important to simply give up on and I applaud the subcommittee's commitment to making meaningful improvements.

My colleagues from both sides of the aisle also have offered sensible reforms that will improve the function of the FCC in a significant way. Transparency and process are the foundation of public trust in the government and are critical to the legitimacy of law. This is true regardless of party affiliation. Our committee operates openly; debate, amendments, and votes all occur under the watchful eye of the public. The FCC's decision-making process should be held to a similar standard of transparency. I support these bills and urge my colleagues to support them as well.

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